

Property Name:Croom Station
Survey No.: P.G.:82A-30 (PACS A162)

Description:

National Register Evaluation:

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility	recommended	X	not recommended
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Criteria	A	B	C	D	Considerations	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	None
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Comments:

Suzanne Pickens

07/21/1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
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Reviewer, NR program

Date _____

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

U.S. 301 South Corridor

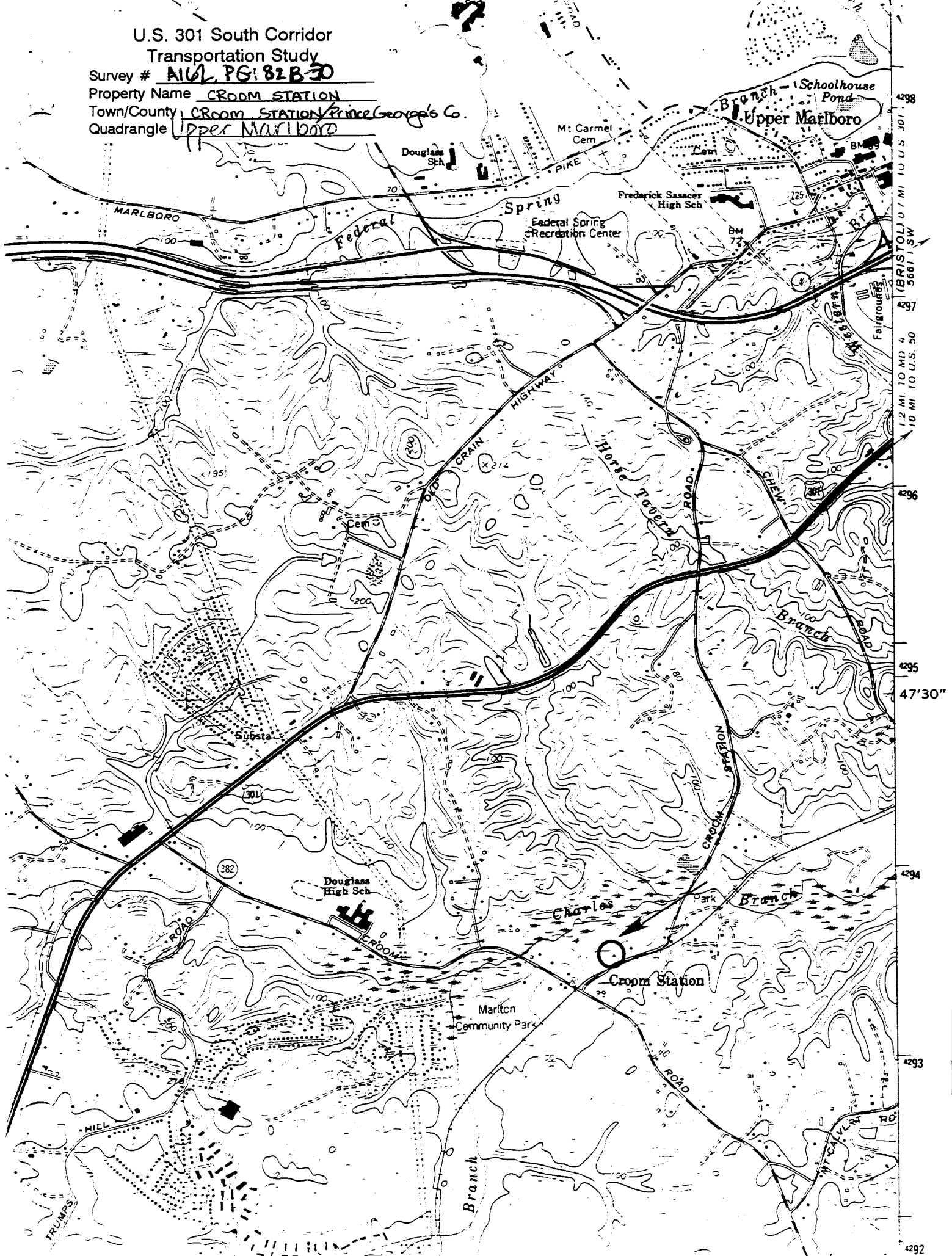
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Survey # ALV PG 82B-30

Property Name CROOM STATION

Town/County CROOM STATION Prince George's Co.

Quadrangle Upper Marlboro



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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-30 Building Date: late 19th/early 20th c
Building Name: Croom Station
Location: (west of) 8109 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The Croom Station is a small frame one-story building which stands in a field approximately 150 feet north of the Popes Creek railroad line. It has long been unused, is in deteriorating condition, and is partially hidden by underbrush. The building consists of a central section with an addition at each gable end. The main central section is four bays by two bays, with gable roof, and entrance in the second bay of the two-bay west gable end; there are two other entrances, one in the third bay of the south facade, and another in the second bay of the north facade. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds. The lapped shingle is covered with "red-brick" asphalt shingle, and an interior stove chimney rises from the ridge near the west gable end. The building rests on concrete piers. There is a hip-roofed addition on the west gable end which rests on a poured concrete foundation. There is a small shed-roof addition at the east gable end rests on concrete piers.

Significance

The Croom Station is a simple functional vernacular structure, a reminder of an era when the railroad played an important role in rural Prince George's County life. It was built late in the nineteenth century to serve as a station for the Popes Creek line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, which was constructed between Baltimore and Southern Maryland in the early 1870's. The station was constructed on an acre of land sold to the railroad company by William W. Duley in 1873. This acre was located on the south side of the railroad, adjoining Duley's home place. In 1935, forty acres of the Duley family land was sold to Walter Garner, who in the following year had the station building moved from the south side of the tracks onto his property on the north. The small structure was converted into a tenant dwelling. The Croom Station building had already gone out of use as a tenant dwelling before the property was sold in 1962. Since that time it has not been maintained, is badly deteriorated and nearly obscured by undergrowth.

Acreage: 29.42 acres

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Croom Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West of 8109 Croom Station Road ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Croom vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name W. Skinner

street & number 8109 Croom Station Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro, state and zip code MD. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2648

street & number Main Street folio 604

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state ☒ county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			1936

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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There is a hip-roofed addition on the west gable end, somewhat lower than the main section. It is only partially enclosed, leaving open access to the west entrance. This addition rests on a poured concrete foundation. There is a small shed-roof addition at the east gable end, which, like the main section, rests on concrete piers.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates late 19th, early 20th C. Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Croom Station is a simple functional vernacular structure, a reminder of an era when the railroad played an important role in rural Prince George's County life. It was built late in the nineteenth century to serve as a station for the Popes Creek line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, which was constructed between Baltimore and Southern Maryland in the early 1870's. The Popes Creek line became the principal artery of transportation for commerce, business and education, in rural parts of the County in the era before widespread automobile use. It was, in fact, the public means of transportation into the Capital City, by travelling from the rural outreaches north to the Bowie junction, and thence into Washington.

The Croom Station was constructed on an acre of land sold to the railroad company by William W. Duley in 1873. This acre was located on the south side of the railroad, adjoining Duley's home place (#82B-7), part of a 250-acre farm known as Croome.¹

William W. Duley died in 1897, and division of his real estate was carried out by Decree of the Court of Equity.² It was at this time that a forty-acre parcel north of the railroad was separated from the rest of the Duley property, although it remained in the Duley family. In 1935, this forty-acre parcel was sold to Walter Garner, and in the following year he had the small station building moved from the south side of the tracks onto his property on the opposite side. The small structure was at that time expanded and converted into a tenant dwelling.³

The Croom Station building had already gone out of use as a tenant dwelling before the property was sold in 1962. Since that time it has not been maintained, is badly deteriorated and nearly obscured by undergrowth.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 29.42 acres

Tax Map #110, parcel 30

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section I

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl/Shirley Baltz

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date August 1985

street & number c/o County Planning Division
M-NCPPC, County Administration Bldg., telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Notes

1 Prince George's County Land Records HB #7:144; cf. also Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878.

2 Prince George's County Equity #2527.

3 Conversations, July 1985: Shirley Baltz with Wynona Skinner and Sophia Garner.

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GARNER
5253/213
27.0A

M.119-P.51

2.03A
P.61

M. J. BARTON
5155/258
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11.34A
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GEORGE
B. GARNER
1882/
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BARTON'S
FIELDS

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LOT 2

BARTON'S
FIELDS

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LOT 1

RICHARD H.
ERVIN
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RICHARD H.
ERVIN SUB.

LOT 1
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RALPH L. BALL
4061/636
13.82A
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CHARLES C. MADDOX
5259/389
11.69A.
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MAP

R-P-C

CHAS. W. SMITH
2181-469
26.03A.
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THOMAS C. DU
727/372
110.49A
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LANTIC, INC.
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LEHMAN
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MARY E.
GRIFFITH
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RICHARD H.
ERVIN SUB.

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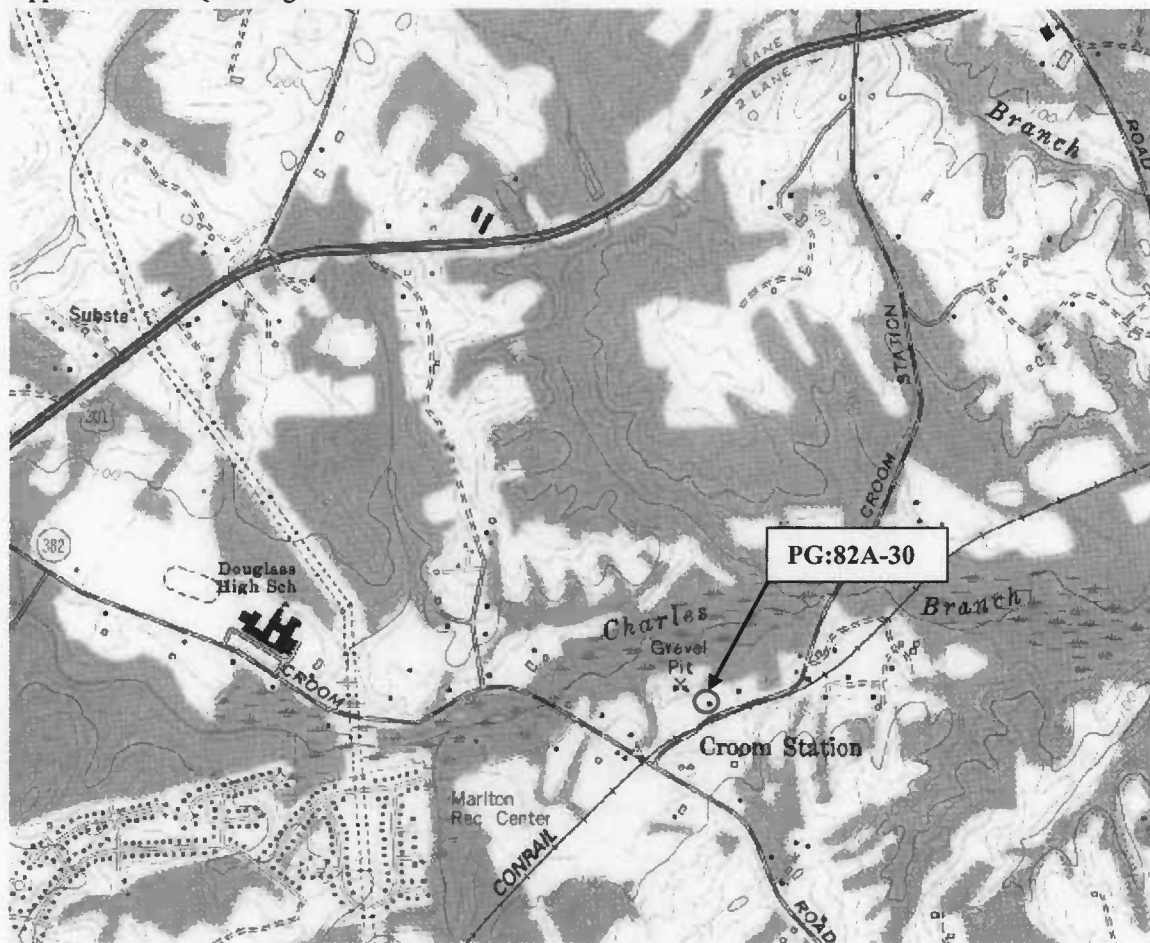
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Croom Station
West of 8109 Croom Station Road
Upper Marlboro Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo





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Croom Station
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist.Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #82A-30

Croom Station
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West elevation
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